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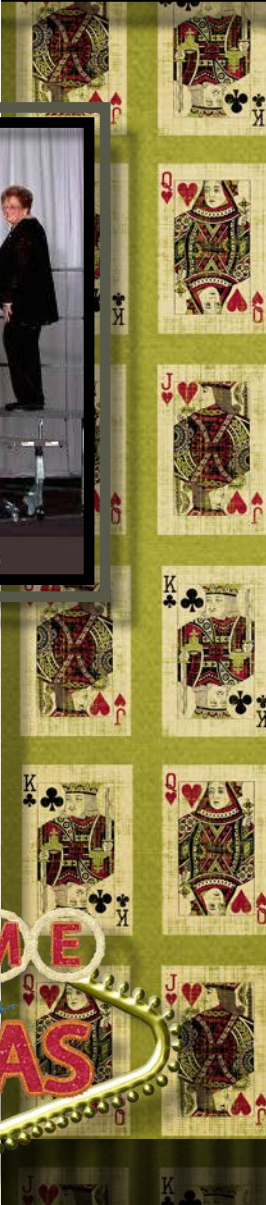
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Regional Management Team



Team Meeting Notes

Gail Eltgtoth
Team Coordinator

The Regional Management Team met on April 16, 2016 in Austin, Tx. Below are notes from the meeting.

- Welcomed incoming members Denise Fly, Kaye Pledge and Piet Chini. Also in attendance were shadow, Marci Haack Weatherford, for Marilyn Turner and visitor, Laura DeGraw, YWIH Coordinator
- SAI Regional Governance Proposal was discussed and the unanimous vote was against the proposal.
- Outgoing Education Coordinator Ronda Perez, incoming Education Coordinator Denise Fly and Marketing Coordinator Elizabeth McCurdy presented details and schedule for upcoming May **Music Extravaganza with Betty Clipman**. Denise discussed plans to combine future May Leadership meetings with Summer Area Schools. The first Summer Meeting will be June 23-24, 2017.
- Finance Coordinator Cheryl Pyle presented several documents outlining the current budget, cash on hand, proposed budget and an overview of the past 6 years as a guide to trends and how the region is handling financial matters. The proposed budget was discussed, revised and accepted for 2016-17. She then brought to the table a suggestion to consider waiving the regional education fee for our SAI 50-year members. All agreed; standing rules will be updated to reflect this change.
- We also evaluated the Regional Annual Membership Meeting held at noon on Friday of Regional Contest. Special thanks to Cheryl for reviving this fun activity. With all the positive feedback from this event, the entire RMT will plan and carry out this meeting again next year.
- Kaye Pledge, Region 10 YSF liaison, was acknowledged for her fundraising efforts for Young Singers Foundation. Tote bags made and donated by Austin Harmony member, Carolyn Bottomley, were sold at contest and brought in \$1200 which will go directly to <http://www.youngsingersfoundation.org/>
- The next RMT meeting will be September 18, following the Fall Regional Meeting in Houston. We welcome your input, questions and comments prior to the meeting. Find our contact info at <http://www.region10sai.org/management-team>

The **RMT Shadow Program** is alive and well. If you think you would like a seat at the 8-member table, but would first like to see how things work, please contact any of the current team members to get started. The application, job descriptions, and contact information are found here:

[http://
www.region10sai.org/
management-team](http://www.region10sai.org/management-team)



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Dreamin' w/ Denise

Denise Fly

Education Coordinator

Hello Region 10!!! What an honor it is to be your Education Coordinator for 2016-2018! I am looking forward to the next two years. We have an EXCELLENT education faculty and we are hard at work to help you with tools to "Build Your Dreams" for the future.

Our May meeting was a huge success. It was great to have our very own Betty Clipman as our guest faculty. I think I "FINALLY" understand the Expression category! I would like to thank Carol Scherer, Mary Beth McMurray, Janie Macchiaroli, Tina Kneisler and Susie Chirafis for all their hard work helping teach! I hope you enjoyed it and learned a lot to take back to your choruses and quartets. I would also like to thank the RMT for facilitating classes to help your administrative leaders. It is true it takes many people to make it all run smoothly!

We have exciting things coming up this fall (September 16-17). Sue Beck will be our guest faculty for "Dreams Come True". She was our Showmanship judge at contest this year so she is looking forward to spending time with us again. She will give you lots of ideas to help enhance your chorus/quartet performances as you prepare for regional contest 2017.

We will ask for volunteers to be part of a demonstration chorus for the Open Division entertainment package presentation. If you would like to be part of this group you MUST know the following regional songs: One Song At A Time, Happy Together and Blue Skies. We will take the first 45 people so make sure you register early! Tina Kneisler will be the director for this chorus. It will be LOTS of fun! NOTE: The regional songs can be accessed through the "resources" tab on the regional website.

Due to scheduling changes our YWIH contest will also take place this weekend. Encourage all your young singers to participate. If you have questions please contact Laura DeGraw or Katy Dane.

Our international representatives "Live It Up" and "The Woodlands Show Chorus" will also be performing. Make plans to attend September 16-17 here in Houston. It's going to be a JAM PACKED weekend and you don't want to miss it!! Be sure to check the website for updates and information.

The regional chapter visit assignments have been issued to the education faculty and RMT. You should be hearing from your RMT and Regional Faculty representatives to set up your annual chorus regional visit. This is your opportunity to visit with our RMT and faculty, ask questions, and receive input and information. Please work with us to schedule this visit before contest next year! If you have questions let me know.

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Let's Talk About It!

Piet Chini

Communications Coordinator

Are you in the communication loop?

Region 10 communicates through our varies yahoo groups and our Facebook page. Information regularly goes out to the directors, presidents/team leaders and Region 10 members about upcoming events. Our general Great Gulf Coast Region 10 yahoo group currently has 474 members, a little over a half of our membership! Please help us increase the number of informed members by signing up for both groups. Links to both are below, as well as on the [Region 10 website](#) at the bottom of the home page.

[Great Gulf Coast Region 10
Yahoogroup](#)

[Great Gulf Coast Region
10, Sweet Adelines
International Facebook
page](#)

Regional Management Team



You are heard...

*Marilyn Turner
Events Coordinator*

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Technology answered a dilemma: By taping the schedule to the Registration Desk, attendees who did not bring a copy, **TOOK A PHOTO OF THE SCHEDULE!** Problem solved. The free Wi-Fi at the Hyatt also continues to be a blessing for many.

From the Buffet Table: Some did not like the one dessert (were you spoiled from the dessert selections the past two meetings?). Someone did not like rice pudding. Granted, it was Mexican Style, with less sugar. Solution: Add more sugar on top, stir it in, and add more cinnamon (canela in Spanish), if you like cinnamon. Delicious!

More Eating: The Hyatt offered a dessert selection (for nominal purchase) on Friday night and generously donated **FREE COOKIES** on Saturday night. In addition, the Grab-and-Go Breakfast Bar continued to be a hit.

Rescheduling Meeting Dates: Please understand that we cannot move a meeting to earlier in May (too close to contest and conflicting with Mother's Day). In 2017, we will have a combined meeting in June to see if those dates will be better for many. We would have a hard time moving the Fall meeting, since International Contest has been in October. This one will continue to be on the third weekend of September.

More on Rescheduling: On the Evaluation forms, 14 opted to move the May meeting to June; 26 wanted to keep it in May; two did not care either way. Granted, those of you who did not attend did not get to express an option. Wait for a Survey Monkey!

Your suggestions for International Faculty have been noted by Denise Fly, our new Education Coordinator. She is the "Keeper of the Evaluations", too. This year, Karla Fenton scanned each of the evals into a file, so all of our RMT members can read them at their leisure. Technology at work again!

To the person who wants the pool at the Hyatt open early on Saturday morning: they **WILL** accommodate you!

I would like to introduce you to your Regional Education Faculty for 2016-2017. Their information and photos will be available on the regional website soon.

Karla Callaway - TWSC

Betty Clipman - TWSC

Tina Kneisler - Bayou Blend

Janie Macchiaroli - TWSC

Kerry Mauney - TWSC

Mary Beth McMurray - Crescent City Sound

Ronda Perez - Alamo Metro

Darlene Rogers - Texas Harmony

Carol Scherer - Chisholm Trail

Jane Schlinke - Alamo Metro

Marlene Snare - Texas Harmony

Sheri Strawther - TWSC

Jeannine Thiboudaux - Crescent City Sound

Kellie Welsh - TWSC

Maryann Wydra - Alamo Metro

Our YWIH Coordinators are Laura DeGraw and Katy Dane

If you would be interested in applying to serve on this faculty or know of someone who would be willing to serve, please contact me.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! The 5 year calendar has been updated on our website. We have Mary Rhea and Rio Quartet coming in January 2017, Kim Wonders coming in June 2017 and Jana Gutenson in September 2017. '

Have a GREAT summer and I look forward to seeing you in September.
In Harmony,
Denise

Hall of Fame

Cheryl Pyle

At this time of year the Great Gulf Coast Region 10 Regional Management Team is pleased to recognize a member who has contributed her time and talents in a special way by adding her name to the Region 10 Hall of Fame. As the 2014 recipient of this award, I am honored to present this year's inductee.

This wonderful lady has been a member of Sweet Adelines in Region 10 since 1978. Throughout these almost 40 years she has competed both regionally and internationally. Her chorus affiliations have included:

- Austin Chapter
- Lone Star Chapter in Austin
- Texas Star in New Braunfels
- Chisholm Trail Chapter
- Alamo Metro Chapter
- and currently Austin Harmony

Amazingly, she has been in all six chapters even though her home address has never changed. Her love for singing also brought her many happy hours performing with a quartet that had no interest in competing; they simply enjoyed singing together.

In the summer of 1994 she was one of a group of 95 Sweet Adelines who traveled to Russia as the Region 10 Ambassador Chorus, performing in Moscow, St. Petersburg and Sochi under the direction of Nancy Carter. And then in 1996 she took part in the second Ambassador Tour to Australia, New Zealand and the Fiji Islands.



Premises, Premises

"Cheryl--there is a genuineness in your smile as I watch you on the risers....it tells me there's no other place you'd rather be than up there singing. To say you're a "gifted" administrator is an understatement. Whatever job you're assigned, you always give it your all. However difficult the song and choreo, you tackle it with gusto and determination. Your love for your family shows in your pride in Laura's accomplishments and she got those "organization" genes from you. Your accomplishments in Region 10 are many and I'm sure will continue for many more years to come. I'm proud to be your friend and past Chorus Director. Congratulations!"

- Mary Ann Wydra

"In all of my years attending and planning events in Region 10, Cheryl Pyle was always a part of it. She was always there for you - whether you were the planner, leading the event or if you were a first-timer, coming to the event for the first time. Cheryl never said "NO" to anything. She was always willing to jump in and do what had to be done. We discussed often how much we cared for our beloved Region 10 and what we could do to make it better. Her focus was always on making every event run smoothly no matter what her responsibilities were. She was always there. Always caring. Always leading. Always loving. Always serving. Always a great friend! Sincere congratulations to Cheryl Pyle. She is so worthy for this honor. I'm proud to call her FRIEND! Love you, Cheryl!

-Vickie Dennis

I met Cheryl at my first Summer Music Camp, 1981 /1982, on the University of Texas Campus, when Rene Craig was the guest faculty. You were expecting Laura at the time. Your organizational skills caught my attention, as you were in charge of the weekend. As a new member of Sweet Adelines, Jackie Hall, suggested I get to know you and learn from you. Great advice! I have had the privilege of sharing life experience with you, singing with you in a quartet and chorus, traveling the world with you and best of all sharing a friendship for many years.

-Carol Scherer

In 2011 she finally made the leap and competed in the regional quartet contest, earning both the Novice and Audience Choice awards.

She has always said that the joy of singing brought her into her first Sweet Adeline chorus and the friendships kept her coming back year after year. But it has been her passion for the future of our organization that has kept her involved in the administrative aspects as well. She began faithfully serving our Region in 1982 as Secretary to the Board of Directors.

Nearly every year since then, she has served in some capacity at the regional level, including Member, Secretary, Treasurer and Regent of the Board; secretary for the Regional Management Team; and as regional Membership Coordinator, Finance Coordinator and Events Coordinator.

She also has been Chair of every Regional Convention since 2012, including this year's convention, and has served on her own chorus boards and management teams multiple times.

In her "real life" she is Administrative Services Officer in the Office of the Dean of Students at The University of Texas at Austin, where she has worked since 1972.

Her motto is: *"Sweet Adelines is where I can be myself ... not a mother, a wife, a housekeeper, an employee, a boss, or anything else that I am in everyday life ... just a singer having a great time sharing and performing wonderful music!"*

AWARDS

2015-2016

Nancy K. Carter Community Harmony Award

Heart of the Pines Chorus

21 non-paid performances

Membership Growth Award

PINEY HILLS HARMONY CHORUS

25% increase

Mission Belles Chorus Attendance Award

Chisholm Trail
Chorus

Welcome
HOME

Alamo Metro Chorus

Valarie McHone
Mandy Subia
Stephanie Maksimenko

A Cappella Unlimited

Laurel Bean
Bre Brown
Kate Hungerford
Heather Turk

Baton Rouge Chorus

Tina Watts

Bayou Blend Chorus

Paula Ellis

Cradle of Texas Chorus

Ann Jones
Carolyn Meeks

Heart of the Pines Chorus

Pam Phillips
Laurie Hurst

Houston Horizon

Paisy McKeynolds
Sue Phillips
Pawn Roznovsoky
Sophie Lee Landau
Jan Vandenburg

FRESHMAN YEAR

Membership Matters

by Kaye Pledge, Membership Coordinator

Big Shoes to Fill

Those of you who have been in the region for any length of time, know the dynamic and energetic Carol Mouche', whom I am replacing as Membership Coordinator for Region 10. Ergo the big shoes to fill.

Luckily I also am privileged to stand on the risers with Carol Mouche' each week in Chisholm Trail Chorus. I know that the task I am taking on will be compared to the excellent knowledge, dedication and hard work that Carol has given to Region 10 for the past 7 years on the Regional Management Team and especially the membership position for the past 2 years.

I will do my best to continue on with the programs implemented by the Region and Carol.

We are beginning a new year both as a chorus and a region and many of you have been asked to take on the role of membership chairman for the first time.

Let me pose some ideas to help you along the path until you get your wings under you and soar to great heights in this position.

Your main objective is to make sure no one falls thru the cracks; guests, new members, regular members and even former members deserve your attention in order for the chorus to run smoothly.

You are the face of the chorus, the first person that most guests see and meet. Wear your name badge every week and wear your smile at all times. Go and greet the guest when they come in the door. Make sure they know they are welcomed and then have the committee members take over and get them set up with music and meet the director.

In my chorus, each member of the committee have assigned duties for which they are responsible: Mail boxes, Guest folders, Birthday, Meet and Greet, and We miss you cards. As membership chairman, I have taken it upon myself to contact each guest after they have visited both by email and a hand written note thanking them for visiting. You can assign a member of the committee this task. I also periodically send out emails to former members catching them up on chorus activities and always extending an invitation to return. Stress that each member of the chorus is a part of the membership committee and encourage them to bring in guests who will in turn become new members. Co-ordinate guest progress thru the audition process. Visit each week with the director regarding that progress. Keep attendance records and evaluate attendance of chorus members. Send a spread sheet, including guests, to the director each week and discuss at risk members and possible solutions each month. Present attendance and achievement incentives for chorus members. Acknowledge good attendance. Work toward a goal for the chorus of perfect attendance. Be creative and fun.

As you see we are at an exciting time, the beginning of a new year. Our goal is to find those ladies out there who love to sing, can sing well, can learn our craft and enjoy the benefits of the sisterly love we have for each other and barbershop singing.

Don't ask someone if they can sing, ask them where they like to sing and if they would like to come and sing with us. Everyone has music in their soul, they all sing, they just don't think they sing well enough to be in a chorus. Change their minds.

I am available to any of you who would like to discuss ways to advance membership in your chorus and in our region. I am looking forward to a great year and hope to meet each of you.

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"Direct"ly Speaking

Mary Beth McMurray
Director's Coordinator

Region 10 directors gathered together at the May Regional meeting for lunch with our own Betty Clipman. Each director shared information about themselves and their choruses.

One of the main topics of conversation was the overall low scores from the last contest. Unfortunately, Region 10 scores were lower than many other Regions simply because we just didn't as a whole, sing as well. Why is that? The biggest concern of the directors is the fact that our individual singers are not able to sing at a consistent level each week. A common exclamation among directors is "who are those people and what have they done with my chorus?". Some weeks we sing well, and some we don't. Directors find themselves saying the same things week after week. By the end of rehearsal, our work has paid off, then the next week we start all over. We bring in coaches to help with skills; but at what point does the director make significant progress with a chorus? When the members practice their skills on their own between rehearsals is the obvious answer.

Our Regional Management Team, and in particular, our Education Coordinator, is doing their best to provide high level education for our members and our directors at least three times a year. This summer we are helping our choruses financially to send the directors to our International Director Seminar in New Orleans in August by offsetting the \$650 fee with \$350 of Regional funds. And in addition, our region, with financial help from SAI, sends a faculty educator and team assistance to each chorus once a year.

So, if the Region is providing education, and our directors are educating their members each week, can more of our singers do some additional work each week also to put all of that education into practice and make our choruses progress?

Hummmmmmm...As the song says, "*Wouldn't that be lovely!*" Happy singing!



YOUNG SINGERS FOUNDATION

The Young Singers Foundation fundraiser for Region 10 that was held during the 2016 regional contest was a huge success. As expected, the region raised \$1,200 for the YSF.

Carolyn Bottomley, of Austin Harmony, made 60 one of a kind tote bags that were sold at contest. The cost was \$20.00 per bag and the booth was sold out on the first day.

The region is very fortunate to have such a talented and devoted lady in the region who is concerned and willing to advance barbershop thru her involvement in fund raising for the Young Singers Foundation. She was also the person who quilted the raffle quilt that we had for the 2015 fundraiser.

One of the most remarkable things about this year's fundraiser is that Carolyn donated not only her time to make all the bags, but also all the materials as well. Be sure to thank her personally when you see her for her dedication not only to Region 10 but to the advancement of barbershop worldwide.

We are wondering now what she has up her sleeve for next year's fundraiser. Let's hope she is currently working on ideas for 2017.

Again, thank you for your participation in the fundraiser but most of all thank you, Carolyn Bottomley. You are an extraordinary lady.

*Submitted by Kaye Pledge,
Region 10 YSF Liaison*

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Let's Market It!

Elizabeth McCurdy
Marketing Coordinator

It was great to see and meet so many of you a few weeks ago at the May Music Extravaganza!

I am very happy to announce a new position on the Region 10 Marketing Team. **Laura DeGraw** has agreed to be our new **Social Media Coordinator**!

Many people use Social Media for personal reasons but now if you are not using it for marketing, you're missing out. You will be surprised how using Social Media can reach into other parts of your marketing strategy. Want to increase traffic to your website? Social networks top the list of site referrals. And while Search Engines used to be the sole means for driving traffic, they are now incorporating social media results into the algorithms that determine where your site appears in search results. And while there are many social media sites, Facebook continues to be the leader - by far!

Unleash the Power of Facebook!

91% of online adults use social media regularly. Here are some interesting Facebook (FB) facts:

- 1.65 billion monthly FB users
- 1.09 billion daily FB users
- 77% of all online women and 66% of all online men use FB
- FB users in the US by age range: 18-29=82%, 30-49=79%, 50-64=64% and 65+=48%
- The average time spent per visit is 20 minutes
- Average number of FB friends is 350 (the younger the user, the more friends)
- 100,000 new friend requests every minute
- 3,125,000 new likes every minute
- 80% of users are more likely to try something new based on suggestion by a friend in social media

So what does this mean for us? Social Media, and especially Facebook, is highly effective for branding, image and reputation management. Social media increases web traffic - visits/page views and creates opportunities for audience engagement. Your content is available to audiences when and how they choose to view it, including on mobile devices. It provides you with direct access to feedback/conversations which is a key opportunity to engage with current and potential prospects (membership, audience for shows, etc.). It also provides a way for you to make announcements regarding upcoming events, membership and educational opportunities.

So what can you do?

- Increase your page "likes". The more likes your page has, the more your posts will be seen. Posts that get more likes, comments and shares show up more in News Feed and are seen by more people.
- Target women who are not Sweet Adelines to like your chorus page. Have chorus members suggest their friends "like" the chorus page.
- Post Sweet Adelines trivia, caption contest and Name that Tune trivia on Facebook every Tuesday to get the fans engaged.
- Post Sweet Adelines video from YouTube every Friday (Fun Friday) on the fan page

for the enjoyment of fans. Also promote the SA YouTube Channel.

- Develop youth targeted posts for the Young Women in Harmony so that they get information that is more pertinent to them.
- Pay close attention to what you posted. With every post, you are creating and reinforcing your chorus image. Make sure you post quality, not just quantity. Bad pictures are worse than no pictures. Ensure your posts are free of typos! While Facebook can seem to be informal, it's important to always appear polished and professional.
- A public Facebook page should be used as a marketing tool to display who we are, what we are doing and who we can be at our very best. It should be used to attract new audiences and new members and therefore not used for internal dialogue.

Think of Facebook as an ongoing, interactive advertisement for how great we are. Real women. Real harmony. Real fun!

Congratulations to the 9 choruses that were recipients of last year's Marketing Award. Thank you for all you have done to promote your chorus and Sweet Adelines International.

Alamo Metro – Teresa Morales
Bayou Blend – Lynda Fontenot
Chisholm Trail - Carol Mouche
Crescent City Sound – Sheryl York
Cradle of Texas – Jane Vaucher
Houston Horizon - Becky Rangal
Piney Hills Harmony - Carol Ogle & Sallie Rose Hollis
Southern Acappella Sound – Nancy Blackwell & Dottie Smith
The Woodlands Show - Pat Fenton

Qualifications for this year's Marketing Award has been posted on the Resources page of the Region 10 website – be sure to check it out.

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International Directors' Seminar

Click [here](#) for details



Fall Regional Meeting w/ Sue Beck

Details coming soon!



Regional Competition Photos

**The 2016 Regional
Competition Photos are
available on the Region 10
webiste.**

**(Click [Here](#)
to access that page.)**



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**Pictured left to right:
Gail Eltgroth, Elizabeth
McCurdy, Marilyn
Turner, Mary Beth
McMurray, Piet Chini,
Cheryl Pyle, Denise Fly,
& Kaye Pledge**

Piet Chini - Communications Coordinator
Mary Beth McMurray - Directors Coordinator
Denise Fly - Education Coordinator
Marilyn Turner - Events Coordinator
Cheryl Pyle - Finance Coordinator
Elizabeth McCurdy - Marketing Coordinator
Kaye Pledge - Membership Coordinator
Gail Eltgroth - Team Coordinator

Double click on the name for email link

Wall of Fame

Marche Marquis — A Cappella Unlimited

Diane Johnson — Alamo Metro

Robyn Palmer — Austin Harmony

Emily Wascome — Baton Rouge

Ellen Wills — Bayou Blend

Shelly White — Chisholm Trail

Connie Singleton — Cradle of Texas

Pat Steck — Crescent City Sound

Linda Kitchner — Fiesta City

Judy Crow — Heart of the Pines

Suzanne Pointer — Houston Horizon

Teresa Cabral — Lone Star

Carolyn Prickett — Magic Valley

Dr. Sheila Nugent — Piney Hills Harmony

Lillian Brown — Southern Acappella Sound

Kathy Littlefield - Sparkling City

Joni Miller — Spirit of Southeast Texas

Laura Reynolds & Tammy Mathis

— Texas Harmony

Denise Fly — The Woodlands Show Chorus

From the History Department *Karen Bernard, Historian*

Congratulations to winners of the 2015-2016 Scrapbook Contest:

- 1st - The Woodlands Show Chorus;
- 2nd - Chisholm Trail Chorus; and
- 3rd - (Tie) Alamo Metro Chorus & Bayou Blend Chorus.

I want to extend a sincere thank you to the eighteen (18) choruses that participated this year. Nineteen (19) choruses submitted entries on the 23rd Annual Wall of Fame. WOF honorees are named to the right.

It was wonderful to see everyone looking through all of the albums and scrapbooks at our 55th competition! Take some time to look at these at regional meetings and at contest and learn more about the 55-year history of our region. There are FREE chorus and quartet photos in the Historian's Display at most regional functions.

PHOTOS NEEDED: Do you know anyone who has pictures of Mission Belles from 1962 & 1964 competitions and a photo of Big "D" Chorus from 1963? Small Chorus Winners still needed are: Greater Dallas from 1972 - Joyce Wilkins, Director; and the winning chorus from 1979 (don't know the name of the chorus). Any help will be appreciated!

My contact information is as follows: Mailing address — 841 Hwy 182; Sunset LA 70584.
Phones: (h) 337-662-3247 and (fax) 337-662-2274. My email address is:
kbsings@centurytel.net

In Memory

Janie Rousseau

Houston Horizon Chorus

November 23, 1953 - May 27, 2016

Janie joined HHC before our trip to Calgary, which was in 2007. Don't recall if she joined the same year or the year before.

The quartets she was in included Counterparts (Mindy Butler - L, Linda Knight - B, and Betty Jo Pruett- T who was replaced by Karen Mulkey-T), Magic Moments (Wendy Woodward-L, Linda Knight-B and Karen Mulkey-T), and Ablast! (Chris Sutton-L, replaced by Annette Quimby-L, Linda Knight-B and Suzanne Pointer-T).

Counterparts (with Karen Mulkey as Tenor) went to Queens College in 2008 in St. Louis, MO where we had an awesome time! Met Karen's mom and sister. Coached by Singlish Mix! What a great get-away from family, work, responsibilities! Lots of time to focus on just our singing and us.

Our favorite times of year were Valentine's Day when we would deliver roses, candy and Singing Valentines all over town, and Christmas where we invariably stroll sang at least one weekend at the Hometown Spring Festival and at Dickens on the Strand as well as other private engagements for seasonal parties. In Counterparts, Mindy and I were faced with two blonds to manage - Janie and BJ. One never wanted to allow them to drive or walk anywhere by themselves. You never knew for sure where they would turn up. Once we lost BJ at the outlet mall. And once Janie drove from my house on the Beltway to Conroe in order to get home in Cypress. Another time we were late for coaching at a regional meeting because Janie couldn't find her way to the hotel. She was on a feeder but had no idea what feeder it was! For such a smart lady, she could be dingy! But loveable. Who could ever be mad at Janie?

In all the quartets, one song remained as our signature song - We Go Together from Grease. At the end, we would lock arms and sing the last line: Together, forever. Oh Yeah! We will be singing together forever with Janie in our hearts. Oh, Yeah!

*Friends are the most important part of your life. Treasure the tears,
Friends are the most important part of your life. Treasure the tears,
treasure the laughter, but most importantly, treasure the memories.
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A Cappella Unlimited

Tava Herring

January was a busy month for A Cappella Unlimited- moving from an AuSOME performance with Heart of Texas chorus as special guests on their show, "Excellence in Barbershop Harmony" in Round Top, Texas on January 23rd, to Guest Night the Monday after. February was the month of love as we went out to sing "Love Notes".

We closed the month on the 29th with our "Leap into Contest" Friends and Family Night. We did take the leap into Regional Competition weekend, and earned a 4th Place overall and 2nd Place Small Chorus win! We were delighted to have two first timers, Kate and Laurel, on stage with us. Au has kept the momentum on 2016 moving forward while adding an additional member, Heather, and holding our Management team elections. Our 2016-2017 Installation Banquet at the Price Center in San Marcos, TX! We were joined by our friend, Jane Schlinke, who installed our new team. It was a beautiful evening with many accolades going out to deserving members.



AU Management Team

Alamo Metro

Lisa Deiser

Time flies when you're having fun! It's hard to believe 2016 is already half over. After holding our elections, the management team was installed at our annual dinner. This year the theme was "Barn Bling". Everyone dressed in western wear with a Sweet Adeline flair and the evening ended with line dancing! Due to severe weather, the annual Memorial Day services at Fort Sam National Cemetery were canceled and we were not able to take part in the tribute to our fallen heroes. We were disappointed as this is a very special ceremony that is near and dear to our hearts. We were able to perform the National Anthem at the San Antonio Stars basketball game this month, since it was indoors! AMC is busily working on new music for our upcoming show as well as welcoming many guests and several new members.

One of the highlights of our summer is the pool party hosted by our director Mary Ann at her lovely home. There will be lots of food, fun and a margarita machine! And of course, singing!!! We hope that you all have a great summer, full of fun and harmony!



2016 AMC Management Team

Austin Harmony

Molly Lintz

Oh the anticipation as we waited for the announcement of medals! As a first timer to contest and Sweet Adeline for just one year, this was a new feeling to me and was reminiscent of first date kinds of jitters. Six of us were newbies and relied on the wisdom from our singing sisters as to what contest would entail. I remember hearing, "Enjoy it! It goes by quickly!" Before I knew it we were done performing, found our way to the remaining seats and listened to the remaining choruses.

Excitement, nervousness, insecurity were all looming in the back of my mind as we waited. It was time for the news! Enter the drumroll here. "Most Improved Chorus" (which I could only speculate at that time had something to do with last year's score), with an increase of 39 points, goes to the Austin Harmony Chorus with an increase of 39 points. Our singers leapt out of their chairs like dolphins aiming for the big orange ball in a training pool. Hugs, hollers and shock filled faces followed along with sheer elation! We celebrated that evening with a joyous afterglow, visits by quartets and even two flight attendants who were hotels guests joining us for some late night singing in our hospitality suite. Now let's get ready for 2017!





Having
some fun!



The 2016 Team



Our
newest
members

Baton Rouge

Emily Wascome

Baton Rouge Chorus has been having some major fun! The year started off with a fabulous retreat with guest coach, Grant Goulding. Then we had a great time presenting our competition package at Friends and Family night. We had four new members to contest this year and they put on a fabulous Newbie skit during breakfast at competition. Our theme for Open Division was "Rain", but we had no idea how prophetic that would be! Our beloved retreat center in Covington, LA flooded in March, and then we all know about the I-10 flooding right at contest time. However, we were delighted to be the Audience Choice winner for the second year in a row and we think everyone appreciated our sunny attire and attitude.

We have elected a new team of management coordinators and are thrilled to see some new faces stepping up to the challenge. The next focus will be on our August 27th show called WEATHER...OR NOT (!?!). This show is going to be a lot of fun and will include a set by Showpiece, a men's quartet from Baton Rouge. We hope to make a few of our recent guests official members soon and look forward to their help with the show. Come enjoy it with us!

Bayou Blend

Karen Bernard



Greetings from Cajun Country and Bayou Blend Chorus! The chorus has added a new bass – Paula Ellis – since the last issue of TIWT. Our five new members competed with us this spring. We were so proud of our Director Tina Kneisler. Her quartet CHANGED 4 GOOD won the Audience Choice Award! I hope you had a chance to look at the Wall of Fame entry for Bayou Blend at contest and that you read all about our 2016 Honoree ELLEN WILLS. Our scrapbook entry finished in a tie for 3rd place!

The 2016-17 Management Team installation was conducted by Marsha Bock on June 7th. New team members are Marisa Fontenot, Team Coordinator; Myra Tener, Financial Coordinator; Kate Sutton, Communications Coordinator; Corla Lindsey, Music Services Coordinator; Ellen Wills, Membership Coordinator; Lynda Fontenot, Marketing/Public Relations Coordinator; and Tina Kneisler, Director. BBC's 2015-16 Attendance Award was presented to Barbara Ewing before the installation ceremony.

Bayou Blend's Music Team members for the upcoming year are Tina Kneisler, Corla Lindsey, Kate Sutton, Catherine Sarwar, Lynda Fontenot, Jessica Babineaux, and Marsha Bock.

We were pleased to have Tina Kneisler, Marisa Fontenot, Marsha Bock and Catherine Sarwar represent us at the May Music Extravaganza with Betty Clipman held in Houston. Tina's use of the brightly colored Hoberman Sphere was a big hit

Bayou Blend had a profitable and yummy fundraiser on May 23rd at Lafayette's Texas Roadhouse. We were fortunate to receive a percentage of sales that evening. One of our new members, Megan Ezell, was instrumental in getting this opportunity for the chorus. We did the Hicktown line dance and sang Happy Birthday and a couple of tags for the patrons!

August will be a busy month for us! We hope that the weather will co-operate this year and allow us to have Kim Wonders down to coach us. It's also the International Directors Seminar in New Orleans and BBC's director Tina Kneisler will be there. Bayou Blend will have a Christmas Chorus this year and interested ladies can come to our Open House on August 16th. We'll see y'all at the Fall Regional Meeting in September!



Tina Kneisler and Betty Clipman



Management Team

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Tune In With Ten

Young Women in Harmony

I am pleased to announce that Region 10's Young Women in Harmony Chorus has been invited to participate in Barbershop Harmony Society's Midwinter Youth Chorus Festival. The festival will be held in San Antonio, Texas, January 17-21, 2017. The chorus will include girls from our choruses as well as regional high schools and universities, and will be directed by our very own talented Katy Dane. Our young singers will also have an opportunity to sing in a combined chorus with all of the other participants of the festival. This is the first year that Midwinter is including young women in their festival competition, and we are so lucky that it is taking place in our own backyard! Logistics are currently in progress and we will make announcements from **@Region10YWIH** on Facebook as soon as there is a schedule in place.

To make our Midwinter plans possible, our 2017 Region 10 YWIH Quartet Competition has been rescheduled from its usual slot at the January Winter Regional Meeting, as the two youth events were scheduled to take place at the same time. Our young women will be absent from the Region 10 January meeting, but you will not miss them! Our youth contest will now be held during the September Fall Regional Meeting with Sue Beck. Please make plans to be there and support these brave young women as they compete for our 2017 YWIH Quartet Championship Title!

Additionally, our 2016 Regional YWIH Champion Quartet – The Ladies – are headed to Auckland, New Zealand on July 13, 2016 to represent Regions 10 and 25 at the International Rising Star Competition. This quartet packs a powerful punch and is one we can be very proud of. See what they are up to, donate to their trip, and encourage them **@TheLadiesQuartet** on Facebook!

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Region 10 Young Women In Harmony
webpage

Take Note Choir and Jewel Tones Chorus, YWIH choruses in the greater Houston area sang in the Texas Capitol Rotunda on Saturday, June 18. A total of 16 girls and 4 sponsors were there to sing to visitors to the Capitol. Take Note is sponsored by Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council and Jewel Tones is a group of young women in the Katy area. These groups often combine in performances for a bigger sound. They recently joined voices while singing at a Houston Rockets game and a Sugarland Skeeters game.



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Tune In With Ten

Azalea City Harmony

Eva Burnett

Chisholm Trail

Wendy Tepper

What an exciting time for Chisholm Trail Chorus this year. We began in February with a weekend retreat at Summers Mill, Salado, Texas being coached by Mary Rhea the director of OK City Chorus. She was a delight and gave us so much energy and knowledge. After rehearsal on Friday evening, the chorus played Sweet Adeline Bingo and prizes and fun was had by all. Mary even won a game.

Darlene Rogers came and coached us in March just before contest. Many sectionals were held outside chorus as well as extra choreography sessions. The week before contest, we had our annual Send Off show with many former members, family and friends there to cheer us on and encourage us to do well.

We took our enthusiasm and excitement with us to contest in March and it paid off with first place in the small chorus division and third place over all. We were so thrilled and came back from Houston with even more energy. We have immediately begun to concentrate on the coming year and what is in store for all of us. It is back to basics of breathing and note accuracy.

We elected and installed new officers for the Board at the Cotton Patch in Temple on May 15th. Our Director, Carol Scherer, presented the Chisholm Trail Sweet Adeline of the year to Phyllis Modisett for being the member that not only works hard on her music and forward progress but also works behind the scenes, going above and beyond. She is always willing to do what is asked and most times will be doing things that no one has thought to do before asking. She is a member of the Membership Team and is there every week meeting and greeting guests and members alike. Congratulations to Phyllis for this well-deserved honor.

The Chorus has just returned from the wonderful Music Extravaganza in Houston with Betty Clipman as guest faculty. It was a wonderful and busy weekend with chorus rehearsals and meetings on all topics. We were awarded the Mission Belle attendance award. More than two thirds of our chorus were in attendance at the meeting in the two days and are ready to share with those who weren't able to attend at the coming chorus rehearsal this week.

Azalea City Harmony is keeping busy during the summer months by learning a couple of new songs for our sing outs and perfecting those choreo moves! We recently sang one at a local church festival and the crowd seemed to enjoy it as much as we did performing it!

We also had a successful yard sale recently to add some needed funds to the treasury.

Summer practices are a bit more relaxed due to vacations and school being out but we still enjoy getting together to sing barbershop harmony!

We know it won't be long before we start practicing Christmas carols for our show in the Fall!

Happy Summer Singing to all!

Our summer will be fun filled with many activities, chorus rehearsals, sectionals, singing at the Mall and nursing homes, pool parties, painting with a twist and many more.

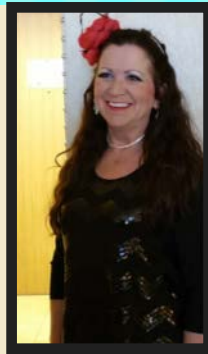


Phyllis Modisett and Carol Scherer

Cradle of Texas

Jane Vaucher

Our chorus lost **Mollie Davis Walker** in April, who was an active and beloved member of COT. She passed away from injuries sustained when she was hit by a car when on her bicycle training for the MS 150 bicycle ride. The chorus sang at her memorial service. A Ghost bike, including attached mementos of Mollie's time with Cradle of Texas, will be placed at the accident site to honor her life.



Mollie Davis Walker

We thoroughly enjoyed performing at The Tidelanders National Barbershop Quartet Day in April.

Cradle sang for a Mother's day lunch at First United Methodist Church of Missouri City as a thank you for sharing the use of their facilities. We were unable to rehearse at our normal practice site due to flood repairs last summer.

Installation Tea was a fun celebratory time! Joy Tice, a past Cradle President and Holly's sister, did this year's Installation in a New Orleans style!

A MEGA 2 day GARAGE sale fund raiser was held in June to send director Holly Ritter to the August 2016 Director's Seminar in New Orleans. Go Holly!!!

We welcomed new members in May...Ann Jones and Carolyn Meeks!



Lone Star

Teresa Cabral

A great big howdy from Lone Star Chorus of Ft Worth. We are proud to welcome visitors at our new location: 1000 Bonnie Brae St., Ft Worth. We are so proud of our 20 point improvement during Competition this year. The chorus aspires to continue this trend in 2017. This spring, we are excited to welcome some new faces as prospective members.

Although the summer is already hot, the chorus has several sing outs planned which will give us the opportunity to practice some of our cool western repertoire as we prepare for our Western-theme Show planned for October 8, 2016 at our new location. Y'all come round and visit a spell!

Heart of the Pines

Lorna Laster

Heart of the Pines has been busy in 2016. We are pleased with our contest experience. We feel each year we are getting a little more into this 'barbershop sound'. Yay!

Our community engagements have included many Singing Valentines, a Multicultural Festival and most recently a Memorial Day Service in Nacogdoches honoring all service men and women.

We had a garage sale the end of April and just completed a profitable fundraiser in partnership with Butcher Boys Restaurant. We sold tickets for a hamburger basket, fries and drink. Contact us if you would like details.

HOP is looking forward to coaching in August with Mary Beth McMurray. So excited!

And finally, we are currently working on songs for our show OCTOBER 8, "The Case of the Missing Chord". We are fortunate to share the stage with 2 men's guest quartets...Just Rite and Driftwood from the Nederland area.

The chorus is thrilled to welcome 2 new members...Pam Phillips and Laurie Hurst, both additions to the bari sisterhood. We also have Samantha Gast visiting us as a bass until she leaves for school in New York in the fall. She plans to continue singing with us until then. TJ is finding contact info for a chorus or two for her in that area.



Houston Horizon

Allissa Battocletti

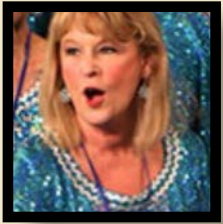
Hello from Houston Horizon!

We are starting on the road to Vegas 2017! We are humbled to have the honor of representing Region 10 at next year's international competition. We're starting to learn several new contest songs, and have lots of great coaching coming up: Carole Persinger, Ryan Heller, Lynda Keever – and of course, our very special Ruth Ann Parker!

We've been keeping busy out in our community as well. In May we had a successful Good Times Show in Clear Lake; "I Heard It Through the Grapevine" was themed around different forms of communication and media through the years. We also have enjoyed singing our National Anthem for the Houston Rockets NBA team, the Rice University baseball team, and the Sugar Land Skeeters minor league baseball team. And we celebrated two of our chorus members who met Mr. Right and tied the knot: Amanda Arceneaux and Renee Mahoney!



Houston Horizon Chorus



Janie Rousseau

Our hearts are heavy as we said goodbye to our dear friend, Janie Rousseau, in June. Janie brought so much love and sparkle to Houston Horizon. We were thankful to have the privilege to sing two songs Janie requested, "Friends" and "Goodbye World," at her memorial service. We love you, Tinkerbelle.

Magic Valley

Shirley Valentine

Magic Valley Chorus has been quite active despite losing our Winter Texans to their Northern homes! In April we were able to have busy performance days before saying farewell to our last Tenor, who headed North immediately afterwards.

We sang at the local Retired Teachers' Luncheon & then at two nursing homes one day and then at the Mission Hospital Auxiliary Dinner the same week. We are learning our new repertoire for 2016-17 and are lucky to have a potential new member visiting frequently and sight reading Tenor, so we have all four parts! Her two friends, a Bari and a Bass, have already become new members.

We have a new rehearsal location for the summer and will move again in October. A large rent increase necessitated moving and our members helped us relocate to their home activity buildings so rehearsals have continued uninterrupted. Our website has been updated and rehearsal locations are listed there. We continue to have a SWAP/SCRIP night monthly and these activities are a good fund-raiser for us. Sandy Seitz, our new Director, is keeping us on our toes, working to improve our "Barbershop" skills. She is very excited to be attending the Directors' Seminar in New Orleans in August and plans to come back with many improved techniques to help achieve her goals of getting us to be a REAL Barbershop chorus!

Crescent City Sound

Kitty Warner

Crescent City Sound has been very busy since Region 10's competition. Our Membership Committee decided to have a membership month. It started on April 11 and ran through May 2. This was an extremely successful venture. We had many guests show up, and at least 5 who are seriously interested in joining our happy group. The best thing about this is that the guests are now bringing guests.

We have also been very busy with goal setting and learning new music for our Christmas show and next year's competition. I'm sure that the students walking thru the halls at Delgado Community College think that we are crazy singing Christmas songs in April and early May. (Come to think of it, maybe we are crazy, but it has nothing to do with what we are singing.)

The next big thing on our schedule is preparing to represent Region 10 as the "demonstration chorus" at the Directors' Seminar that will be held in New Orleans in August. We are beyond thrilled to have this exciting opportunity. We are busy working on music for this amazing occasion.

Another bit of very exciting news is that Crescent City Sound now has five active quartets. Our established quartets are Fleur de Lis, JazzmaTazz, and Changed for Good. Our newest quartets are Four Ring Circus and Toulouse.

New Katy Area Chorus

Beth Watkins

There's a new kid in town! To keep up with the growth of Harris, Ft. Bend and Waller Counties, which is the fastest growing area in the country, a new chorus is beginning. Located just north of I10 between Mason Road and Grand Parkway, the yet to be named Katy Area chorus is up and running. Drawing women from the Katy, Fulshear, and Cypress area, the chorus held an open house in May and now has 17 prospective members. We are excited about the interest and talent of the women that have come to sing and anticipate doing great things in the area.

The Request for Prospective Status has been sent to Tulsa, names are being discussed, and music is being learned. While a few women are current SAI members, the majority are brand new to our hobby and are very excited about it. They're volunteering for jobs, we secured a rehearsal site very quickly, chose navy blue as our chorus unity color and hope to have a name soon. We are anxious to see what the future holds for this chorus and ask for your support as we begin this journey.

Rehearsals are Thursday evenings 7-9PM at Holy Covenant United Methodist Church, 22111 Morton Ranch Rd, Katy, 77493, north of I 10. If you know of anyone that is on the west side of Houston in the that would like to sing with us, please give them this information or have them contact us at westsideharmony@gmail.com.

Stay tuned as we continue this adventure to chartering.

Piney Hills Harmony

Sallie Rose Hollis

Piney Hills Harmony is conducting a two-part "A Cappella Mania" campaign in June and July – the first segment, a membership drive; the second, vocal lessons.

In May, a new board was installed with Judy Sisson as president; Carol Ogle, vice president; Jerri Mahoney, secretary; and Lometa Rorie, treasurer. Others members are Donna Fike, Anne Garay, Jenay Lenard and Judy Stepp.

This summer the chorus is working to finesse its gospel/inspirational set for performances at area churches. The regular repertoire is also being fine-tuned for the chorus show to be presented Nov. 5 in Ruston's Dixie Center for the Arts.

Since the last TIWT publication, Piney Hills Harmony united with Region 25's TexArmonix chorus in a special "dual swap." Seven TexArmonix members joined Piney Hills Harmony as dual members, and PHH reciprocated with eight members dualing with TexArmonix. All the duals competed in both regional competitions, singing the same songs with the same interp and performing the same choreo. As they prepared for contest, the duals met on certain Saturdays in Shreveport and also attended each other's coaching sessions.

"It turned out to be so much fun we're thinking of doing it again next year," President Sisson said.

New dual members who joined since the previous TIWT:

Tracey Beckwith, Shelly Brown, Robin Curtis, Carissa Duncan, Tish Jones-Hicks, Mary Haynes, and Courtney Jewell.

Spirit of Southeast Texas

Kaylea Andrews

Happy Summer Region 10! We've had a busy couple of months. Competition, then a fabulous Music Extravaganza in May with the awesome Betty Clipman! Those of us in attendance had a great time and learned a lot of new things to bring back to our chorus! What a GREAT contest experience we had and, now that our stress levels have returned to normal, we are learning some new warm up techniques and some great new songs.

We installed our newly elected management team, had a great bonding time and sang a song or two. CONGRATS to Karen Pope, Director's Choice! Quite an accomplishment for a "newbie". Over the past 3 months, several of our singing sisters in the chorus have had absences due to ailments, but they are improving to better health every day. We pray for their recovery and hope they return to us soon ready to harmonize.

We hope everybody has great times with friends and safe travels on their vacations!



Welcome
Congratulations

Southern Acappella Sound

Dottie Smith

Our new year in the spring is off to a great start! Two members have recovered from health issues.

Director, Cherri Barmore is feeling better, YEAH! And last week, we received our first new member, Rachel Fairley!

Our other director, Mary Helen Tschabold, is teaching and leading us forward. We are having great fun polishing our songs for a possible summer or early fall performance.

And last but not least, we are working on our ballad for competition in 2017. "Never underestimate the power of small!"

Back row left to right: Charlene Amorello, Ashley Leonard (new member)
Nancy Blackwell, Lillian Brown, Elizabeth Haneline,
Front row: Judy Hughes, Mary Helen Tschabold, **Rachel Fairley** (newest member)
Candice Bassett.



Sparkling City

Dawna Lovejoy

Howdy Sisters!

We have had an eventful couple of months with our latest public performance being presented by a pick up quartet comprised of Veronica Lopez(Bari), Phyllis Cash(Bass), Barbara Behr(Lead), and Marge DeWitt(Tenor). The ladies sang for the Memorial Day Celebration at HEB. Just Jammin' has also made several appearances promoting the chorus since the last post.

Our greatest news is the return we have seen from the energy put forth these past few months recruiting new sisters. We updated our meetup site and encouraged all of our current sisters to post. We joined Next door and advertised open auditions. The Caller-Times interviewed us for barbershop day and posted an incredible article. They also tweeted a short video of our practice. We have been hanging up flyers at our favorite public venues like Starbucks. We have also been leaving our "Pitch Pipes" in waiting rooms with our information and open audition invitations.

We have grown! We would love to welcome our incredibly talented newest sisters: Amanda Lerma and Pearlie Archambault-Lead, Deana Moore-Baritone, Cherie McCollough-Tenor and welcome back Sherry Wachtel now singing Bass. We have a few more women joining us at practice and we are continuing to work on our membership growth.

See you in September!

Welcome
HOME

Magic Valley
Sandy Bautch
Judy Rumsey

Piney Hills
Jenny McManus
Tracey Beckwith
Shelly Brown
Robin Curtis
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The Woodlands Show Chorus
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FRESHMAN YEAR

Tune In With Ten
A Regional Newsletter

Texas Harmony

Adrian Hanes

American merchants have long ago discovered that if they call it “A (insert holiday) Sale”, consumers will come! While we all love a bargain, Memorial Day is so much more! For those Americans tuned in to the price of freedom, it is a sacred time. For many others, it’s a day off work, a time to barbeque and wave the Flag. Since Monday is our rehearsal night, Texas Harmony has a tradition of gathering for singing and fellowship on this day. Many opt to celebrate with family and “civilian” friends. Either way, it is a brief post-contest respite and a time to rev up for the summer.

We have been brushing up our gospel repertoire, with a peppy addition, “I’m Feeling Fine” for our third annual “Choir Replacement” performances. This is also the time of year we elect new Teams and Boards - in our case, Management Team. We look forward to a seamless transition, keeping what works and bringing potential innovations where needed. Bottom line: a singer must sing! EVERYTHING we do brings us back to this shared passion.

The Woodlands Show Chorus

Karla Callaway

The Woodlands Show chorus is on board the A-train! We are on such a great high after our Evaluation Performance and out-going package at regional competition. The very next Monday, we had coaching with Jim Arns that has helped solidify our goals in preparation for Vegas. He said that our improvement was noticeable since the last time we were together!

In early April, we performed at The Woodlands Art Festival where thousands of artists and visitors come each year. It is such fun to sing at a unique event like this in our own hometown.

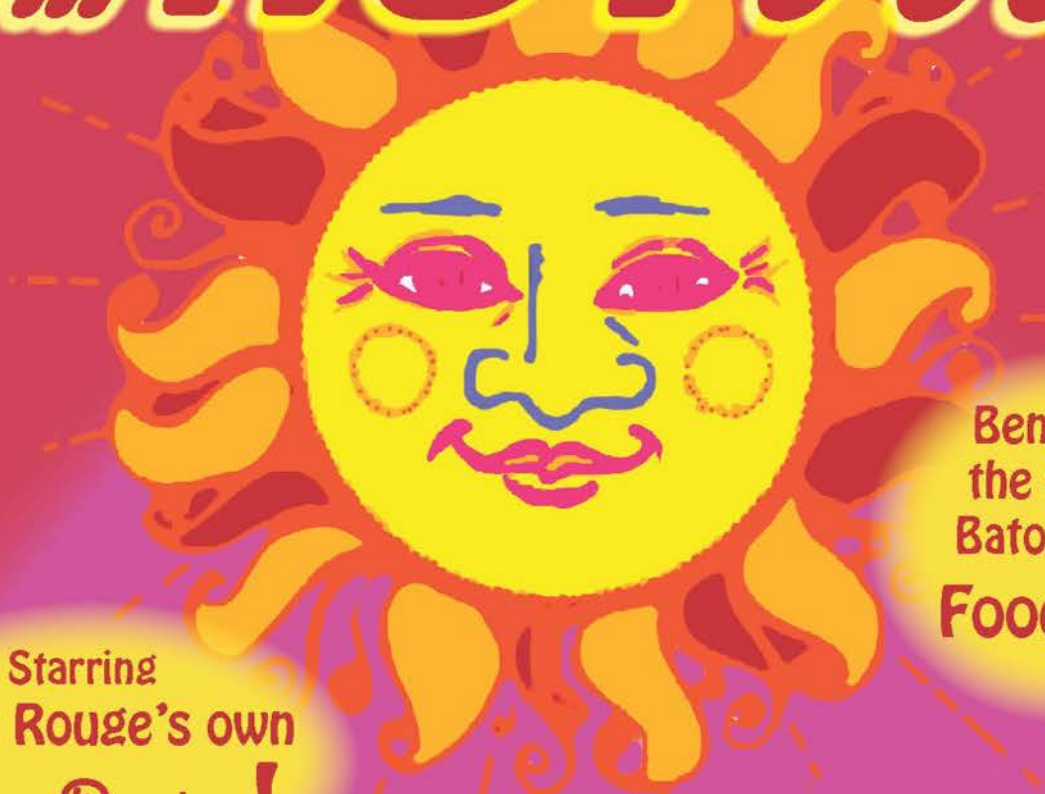
May found us coaching with Ryan Heller, Master 700 director from the Pride of Portland Chorus, in Portland, OR. We had a wonderful session with him and we are working hard to use the many tools he has given us. He, too, mentioned that we have improved since our last session in November.

We have just finished our annual show, *Music in Motion*, that featured Speed of Sound, our current International Quartet Champions. They are amazing musicians as well as fun, approachable women! It was a delight to share the stage with them. As you can well imagine, we have coaching, coaching and more coaching planned this summer. Carole Persinger and Renee Porzel will double team us on June 27 after a coaching retreat with our very own director/coach, Betty Clipman. July will bring a weekend retreat with Ryan Heller and then a weekend retreat with Jim Arns in September. This may seem tiring, but TWSC loves working hard and enjoying the journey - TOGETHER! We look forward to seeing you all at our Fall Regional Meeting and encourage you to come as we give a performance to showcase the skills we have been working hard to make a habit! We are so pumped to represent Region 10 in Vegas and hope to make you proud!



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Fourmost Quartet

Elizabeth, Robin, Bebe, Lisa

Hello from Fourmost!

For those who know us on Facebook, you're up to speed on what we've been up to. For those yet to find and like us... www.facebook.com/fourmostquartet Well, we have been busy! In the past two months we had 5 performances! We sang at Jellystone Park in Canyon Lake, TX; and met Cindy Bear! We sang at our chorus' Team installation dinner at The Barn Door restaurant, wearin' fancy western bling and doin' some line dancin'! We went back to The Barn Door a few days later (wearing regular bling), to sing for the Alamo City Cancer Council volunteers. We had the privilege to sing for the American Legion in Converse TX, for a fundraising event to send incoming high school seniors to learn about government. Nine boys were sponsored through this event. Elizabeth and her boyfriend had a bash in their home where bands played in her dining room and we were one of the "bands" to "play" too...haha!! It was a lot of fun!!

We attended the Music Extravaganza conference with Betty Clipman in May and enjoyed her classes. We recently had a great coaching session with Dale Deiser, baritone of the 1969 champion quartet Mark IV and Lisa's dad. We are learning new music and having fun putting it all together.

We hope you have a great summer and we'll see you in September!



Essence

Caitlyn, Candace, Kerry, Tianna

Caitlyn Gallegos, Candice Griffith, Kerry Parker, Tianna Coffey

It's hard to believe that contest is already several months behind us!

We are so honored to be the Region 10 2nd place quartet medalists. The regional weekend was a blast and it was wonderful to be with the Region. We were overwhelmed with the support and love we received from our Region 10 sisters! You ladies are the best! As a long distance quartet, travelling is part of our summer plans! We are looking forward to a summer of working on our music and continuing to develop as a quartet!

We wish our Region 10 sisters a wonderful summer and we will see you all soon!



Live It UP! Quartet

Janet, Gayle, Kellie, Kerri

Hello Region 10 friends!!! Live it Up! is so excited to be your regional championship quartet! This is the best region in the world and we love being part of it. We are working very hard to prepare for International competition in Las Vegas in October. The honor of representing you, along with The Woodlands Show Chorus, is such an amazing thing!

This spring/summer has been a busy one already.

On a personal note, Gayle moved to Orlando, Florida, to marry her beau, Bobby! And with that move, she is now a member of Toast of Tampa Chorus in Tampa, Florida. So now, Live It Up! represents 3 choruses and 2 regions, 9 and 10.

We've had the pleasure of singing on shows here in the Houston area. We've performed with Houston Horizon, The Tidelanders, and The Spring Statesmen. We enjoyed seeing many of you in Houston at the May Musical Extravaganza with Betty Clipman and we're looking forward to spending more time with you in September.

The summer will be filled with many rehearsals, a retreat, and coaching sessions with Betty Clipman, Ryan Heller, Lynda Kever, and Becky Ballagh.

We are working to continuously add to our repertoire songs. We want to have a great set of songs for any chorus shows that we may be asked to perform on (wink! wink!). We're available, by the way, and very cheap... I mean not too expensive! And don't forget to "like" us on FB, Live it Up Quartet and visit our website <http://www.liveitupquartet.com/>. You can also follow us on Instagram and Twitter.



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Coming up in August...our great friends, Rave Quartet, will be hosting a benefit show in The Woodlands to assist us in our fundraising efforts. Keep an eye out for more details... they're coming soon!

And in addition to the above mentioned show, Live It Up! will be raffling off an exercise package that includes a FitBit Charge HR, exercise ball, yoga mat, bag, with towels and head band. 1\$ per ticket or 6 for 5\$. (Flyer below) The drawing will be held at the Fall Regional Meeting in September.

Thank you for all of your love and support and we can't wait to sing for you again soon!

Reunion Street Quartet

Alice, Vicki, Anna Mae, Karin

Oh my! What a thrill it was for Reunion Street to hear our name called as the 5th place medalist. It has been 8 years of working hard to make it back into the medals. It was especially exciting for Alice as this was her first quartet medal. We love GREEN and plan to adjust our wardrobe to accommodate this beautiful color.

We owe many thanks to Ruth Ann Parker, Sheri Strawther and Janie Macchiaroli. Janie's ability to zero in on things in each of our voices and ways to unify our sound has been key. We are always looking for new opportunities to sing out and hone our craft. With a retreat planned in Galveston for July and continued vocal development with Janie, Reunion Street is working hard.



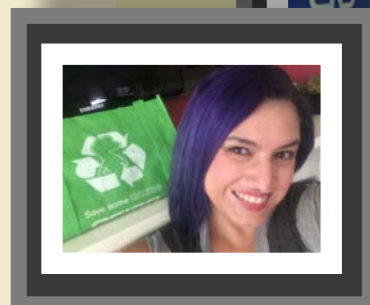
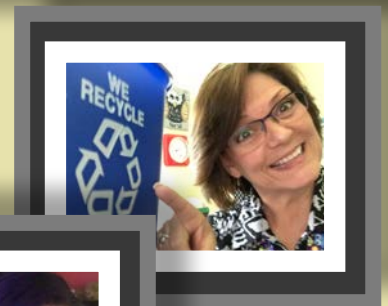
Rave Quartet

Jennifer, Karla, Denise, Marlys

In the life of a quartet, many things can inspire, challenge and disappoint! Rave has had a busy spring singing at The Woodlands Art Festival in April with TWSC, participating in the Extravaganza workshop with Betty as well as being a demo quartet, and appearing on The Woodlands Show Chorus show "Music in Motion" with Speed of Sound, the current International Champion Quartet! It was so exciting to share the stage with them! They are fabulous singers, champions and women. During this time, Brittney has been recovering from ACL surgery with a few weeks on crutches – which has made for some interesting days. Due to some life challenges related to work and her personal life, Brittney has decided that she cannot continue with Rave. Life happens and we understand that decisions have to be made that are sometimes challenging. We wish her the best as she focuses on training for management with her job and there may even be wedding bells in her future!

SO, Rave is recycling again! Denise is now back to baritone and we have welcomed a new tenor, Jennifer Scogin. She comes to us with many years of experience as a RichTone (front row, no less), has sung in a few quartets and currently sings in TWSC. We are thrilled to have an opportunity to Refresh, Reuse and Recycle!

Rave is hosting a benefit show for our friends, Live it Up! on Sunday, August 6th in The Woodlands, TX. Mark your calendars now and look for more information to follow as details are solidified. We will be asking our quartet friends around the region to sing as well as others that want to share their talents. All proceeds will go to Live it Up! to help them with expenses in Vegas! You are not going to miss out on this event! We are thrilled to be a part of such an awesome region and look forward to this exciting year! See you all soon!



Reflections Quartet

Dian, Carol, Emily, Kathy

Reflections Quartet has 2 new members - Dian Sandefur on tenor, and Emily Wertanen on bari.

Therefore, we have decided that we need a new image, new songs, and a new name! We're working on the new songs, new costumes, and the hardest part - a new name that suits us.

So our new name is D.E.C.K.-Mates. D is Dian (delightful); E is Emily (elegant),

C is Carol (charismatic), and K for Kathy (kleptomaniac). OK - maybe the descriptions are a little off, but we're working on it.

See you at Fall Regional!



Texas Accent Quartet

Marilyn, Becky, T.J., Kathy

TEXAS ACCENT – short and sweet....we had some performances around Valentines and in April. But more recently we have really had to slow down as Kathy's house, her mother's house, and aunt's house were all damaged by a tornado that whirled thru the Alto area the first of May. Then she managed to get sick for a week, probably from trying to get everyone else's lives back in order.

We hope to be up and running again soon. Have new music to learn. Yay!!!



Harmonista Quartet

Elizabeth, Candace, Denise, Kay

As they say, all good things must come to an end, and so it is with Harmonista. Denise Tazumi and Elizabeth McCurdy began this journey 7 years ago with Janie Macchiaroli and Susie Chirafis as Vocal Trax. Kay Hammett stepped in as bass when Suzie stepped down from the quartet. A few years later, Janie received a wonderful opportunity to sing with Lucky Day. We were fortunate to get Candace Love as our new lead and we became Harmonista. We've had a blast over the years ringing chorus and making lifelong friends.

We would like to thank all of you for your encouragement and kind words over the years. Your support has been greatly appreciated!

Joyful Sound Quartet

Lee, Becky, Trudie, Sha

Joyful Sound is excited to announce the addition of Sha Hudgens as our new bass! Sha is a lifetime member of Sweet Adelines and sings with Lone Star Chorus and Heart of Dallas Chorus. We have been bass-less for a little over a year, but it has been worth the wait and we couldn't be happier that Sha has agreed to join us. Our focus will still be on gospel music ministry, but we fully intend on returning to the competition stage in 2017! Thank you all for your continued support and we can't wait to sing for you soon!

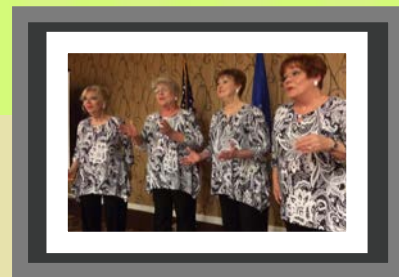
What Difference Does It Make Quartet

Kathy, DiAnne, Carole, Julie

The WDDIM quartet continues to do what we love to do – **SING**, have **FUN** and make **\$\$**! No, we don't run around singing in hospital gowns and ducky slippers! Our goofy set for Region 10 in Open Division was an experience we'd like to forget!

In February, the quartet delivered Singing Valentine's for 4 days! This year we added "Valentine Videos" and exceeded our expected quota! We are so blessed to have our competition related expenses; travel and per diem covered. It's fantastic to have loyal supporters and we never seem to lack in singing opportunities. For example, while delivering a singing Valentine at a music store, the manager asked if she could sponsor us and then invited us to participate at an Alzheimer's Fundraiser on June 20. In April, we sang for a USAF Unit Reunion in a downtown hotel and before the night was over we were requested to sing at two other events who overheard us in the hotel! Recently, the quartet was invited to sing on the Chordsmen Spring Show, and on a repeat performance at the Dell Webb Community. It was very special for me to sing on a show with my husband, Tom, who is a Chordsmen! Currently, the quartet is preparing for the fundraiser and for a "very special" friend's birthday celebration in August. We are learning four new 'requested' songs for the occasion.

Congratulations to the current Region 10 Champions, Live It Up, and the Houston Horizon Chorus!



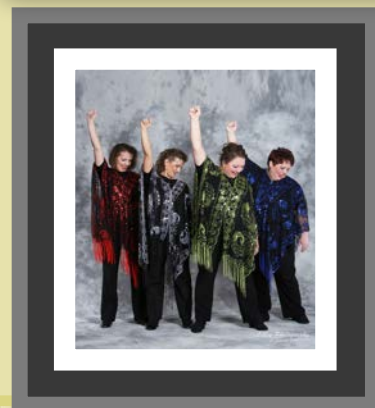
Sibling Rivalry Quartet

Malauna, Keturah, Shanda, Milaka

What would you do if you had 3 sisters who loved singing as much as you? Well, if you were Milaka, the Bass of Sibling Rivalry Quartet, you would tell them that they had 10 years to find a Sweet Adelines Chorus to join. This truly happened to us in 2006. And now 10 years later, we are members of Capital City Sound Chorus in Boise, ID; The Woodlands Show Chorus in The Woodlands, TX; Mountain Jubilee Chorus in Salt Lake City, UT; and Pride of Portland Chorus in Portland, OR. We registered as a quartet with SAI in 2013.

Having grown up singing together, we have hours of rehearsal and performance stories to relive. Can't find the right note to start on? We've got a story for that. Chord worship? We've got a story for that too. Laughing so hard during a performance, you leave the venue mid-set? Yep. Performing a song before it was ready for the public? No comment. Finding your sisters wearing clothes from your closet? Many times. Singing an extra chorus in a new key because you don't want the song to end? It's been a while, but yes.

This year was our first time competing in Region 10 and loved our experience on stage - we improved 75 points from our contest in 2015! Since we are members of 3 different SAI regions, we also performed in the Open Division in May 2016 in Region 13. Now that was fun!



Tune In With Ten

A regional newsletter

Calendar of Events

2016

8/18-20 - Director's Seminar - New Orleans, LA

8/27 - Baton Rouge Chorus - Annual Show "Weather...Or

Not(!?!)" - Baton Rouge, LA

9/16-17 - Fall Regional Meeting - Visual Focus - Location TBD - Sue Beck

10/8 - Heart of the Pines Chorus - Fall Show, Nacogdoches, TX

10/18-22 - International Competition - Las Vegas, NV

11/5 - Alamo Metro Chorus - Annual Show - San Antonio, TX

11/19 - Chisholm Trail Chorus - Annual Show - Temple, TX

11/19 - Austin Harmony Chorus Show - Austin, TX

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All active and CAL members are encouraged to sign up for the Region 10 Yahoo e-group and/or our Facebook page. The e-group is our most timely method for disseminating information that is important to you—registration and flyers for area schools and contest, updated links on our regional website, this TIWT newsletter, and valuable information for your chorus leaders, directors, and quartets.

It's easy and free to join. Just send an email to

<mailto:sa-region10-suscribe@yahoogroups.com>

and we'll do the rest.

If you're on Facebook, find us under "Great Gulf Coast Region 10, Sweet Adelines International."

Note: We have converted from our former FB group — look for the comma in our name. Join the discussion!



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